Valuing Caregivers and Recognizing Their Contribution to Quebec’s Health System

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Flexibility in Medical Training (Update 2009)

POLICY STATEMENT

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) acknowledges the importance of offering flexibility in medical training to meet the changing needs of trainees and to maximize the effective input of doctors into the health care system. Flexibility in medical training means tailoring training experiences to the individual needs and circumstances of trainees. Flexibility also means meeting the changing health care needs of the community, including population groups and rural and remote communities. The CMA recognizes the essential role of family physicians in primary health care and considers the provision of primary care a fundamental aspect of the training of family physicians.

The CMA welcomes the provision of an expanded range of continuing education opportunities for family physicians. However, the CMA is concerned that the scope of continuing education offerings and options available to family physicians is still limited.

The CMA encourages the development of comprehensive national guidelines for the ongoing evaluation of new and existing continuing education programs and activities.

The CMA advocates for the provision of a sufficient number of ongoing education opportunities for specialty training. The CMA recognizes that trainees should be able to choose a training program that is appropriate to their stage of development and that provides an optimal balance of clinical experience and ongoing education.

The CMA supports the ongoing evaluation of training programs to ensure that they provide an effective training experience and are in keeping with the needs of the health care system.

Definitions

- Family Health Care: Primary care focused on patients and families. It is a comprehensive and coordinated service provided in the context of the patient's and family's changing needs. It involves care for acute and chronic conditions and the promotion of health. It is accessible to all and supports all stages of the patient's and family's life cycle. It is delivered by physicians, nurses, and other health professionals.

- Continuing education: Education that occurs after initial training and is intended to improve the knowledge, skills, and performance of health care professionals. It includes professional development activities provided in a variety of formats, including conferences, seminars, workshops, and online courses.